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MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL SCOWCROFT

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SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ITEMS

ANGOLAN FLIGHTS TO MOZAMBIQUE: ANGOLAN TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT, PROBABLY CARRYING CUBAN MILITARY ADVISORS, HAVE REPORTEDLY MADE SIX FLIGHTS FROM ANGOLA TO MOZAMBIQUE SINCE MID-MARCH. THESE FLIGHTS APPARENTLY CROSSED ZAMBIAN AIR SPACE WITHOUT NORMAL OVER-FLIGHT CLEARANCE. THE AIRCRAFT ARE PROBABLY EX-PORTUGUESE AIR FORCE NORATLAS TRANSPORTS, WHICH HAVE A CAPACITY OF 45 PASSENGERS OR SEVEN AND ONE-HALF TONS OF CARGO AND SUFFICIENT RANGE TO MAKE A NON-STOP FLIGHT BETWEEN THE TWO FORMER PORTUGUESE COLONIES. IN 1975, MOZAMBIQUE GAVE THREE OF THESE AIRCRAFT TO THE POPULAR MOVEMENT FOR THE LIBERATION OF ANGOLA TO SUPPORT ITS FORCES IN THE ANGOLAN CIVIL WAR. CUBAN MILITARY PERSONNEL ARE KNOWN TO HAVE OPERATED NORATLAS TRANSPORTS IN ANGOLA. ACCORDING TO DIA, THE CUBAN ROLE IN MOZAMBIQUE IS EXPECTED TO INCREASE IN THE COMING MONTHS; TO INCLUDE MILITARY AID TO LOCAL MOZAMBIQUE ARMED FORCES AND RHODESIAN GUERRILLAS. HOWEVER, MOZAMBIQUE WILL ATTEMPT TO LIMIT CUBAN INVOLVEMENT WITH THE GUERRILLAS AND SEEK TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN ITS CONTROL OVER THE RHODESIAN LIBERATION MOVEMENT BASED ON ITS TERRITORY.

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SOVIET ACTIVITIES IN MALAYSIA: MALAYSIA IS APPARENTLY BE-
COMING INCREASINGLY CONCERNED OVER POSSIBLE SOVIET PENETRA-
TION OF ITS GOVERNMENT AND POLITICAL PARTIES. SOVIET ACTIV-
ITIES IN THE INDIAN OCEAN AND SOUTHEAST ASIA HAVE CONTRIBUTED
TO THIS HEIGHTENED APPREHENSION.

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS RECENTLY COME UNDER SOVIET
PRESSURE TO GRANT CONCESSIONS IN CERTAIN AREAS. MOSCOW IS
SEEKING COOPERATION IN FISHING ENDEAVORS WHICH WOULD IN-
VOLVE SOVIET TRAWLERS ENTERING MALAYSIAN WATERS AND EX-
CLUSIVE REFUELING FACILITIES IN PENANG. ADDITIONALLY, MOSCOW
AGENTS ARE ACTIVELY PROMOTING SOVIET ASSOCIATED COMMERCIAL
PROGRAMS. POSSIBLE SOVIET INFILTRATION OF THE MALAYSIAN PO-
LITICAL FABRIC, HOWEVER, IS VIEWED AS THE MOST SIGNIFICANT
DANGER. ALTHOUGH FEW DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE, GOVERNMENT OF-
FICIALS FEAR THAT COMMUNIST AGENTS HAVE ALREADY BEEN suc-
CESSFULLY PLANTED. ALTHOUGH MALAYSIA REMAINS SUSPICIOUS OF
PEKING, BOTH IN KUALA LUMPUR AND SINGAPORE, THERE IS AN
EMERGING TREND TO CONSIDER THE SOVIETS AS THE MORE IMMEDIATE
PROBLEM. THIS SHIFT IN POLICY IS VERY LIKELY IN REACTION
TO CONSIDERABLE SOVIET PRESSURE TO ENLIST THE NONCOMMUNIST
STATES OF SOUTHEAST ASIA TO SUPPORT ITS EFFORTS TO RING
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